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[We must ask contributors to this department to make their reports as concise as possible, omitting all mention of regular routine business, and stating such facts as are of special interest to absent members or to the profession at large. The JOURNAL has already increased its regular reading pages from sixty-four to eighty, and it must keep within these limits. In order to do this all of the departments are being condensed to make room for our constantly increasing items of interest.—Ed.]

THE INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS IN BERLIN

It may not be amiss to explain to our readers in general that the coming congress will not be an occasion for discussion of all branches of nursing, as was the case at Buffalo, where we had the whole week to ourselves.

The meeting of the International Council of Nurses, which will be held in the congress week, will occupy only one day, and on this day reports from the different countries will be received relating to organization, legislation, and educational requirements. This, with routine business, will take the whole time at our disposal.

In the Congress of Women nursing is to be treated under the section "Women's Professions and Industries" on Thursday, June 16. Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, the president of the International Council of Nurses, will give the leading paper, and there will be ten-minute reports from different countries. While, therefore, district nursing and many other interesting topics cannot be taken up fully, yet the position of nursing in general in the world at large will be set forth, and nurses will have the opportunity of learning the present position of women in every line of occupation in every country. What I especially hope is that our presence at this congress may cheer and help the organized nurses of Germany, who are just now making a strenuous—almost desperate—effort to improve their conditions of work and to obtain a reasonable amount of consideration from the public.

L. L. Dock, Secretary I. C. N.

THE ASSOCIATED ALUMNÆ

THE seventh annual convention of the Associated Alumnæ will be held in the lecture-room of the Drexel Institute, Thirty-second and Chestnut Streets, West Philadelphia, one square from the new Pennsylvania Station at Thirty-second and Market Streets, West Philadelphia, and six squares from the Baltimore and Ohio Station at Twenty-fourth and Chestnut Streets, Philadelphia. The trustees of the institute have kindly granted the use of the auditorium, lecture-room, and other facilities for the purposes of the association, and the library, museum, and picture-gallery will be open to the delegates.

The members of the Arrangements Committee feel that they can assure all an enjoyable time, as they have had so many kind offers of entertainment.

The hotels recommended are:

The Colonnade, Fifteenth and Chestnut Streets, two squares from the Pennsylvania Station at Broad and Market Streets; rates one dollar to one dollar and fifty cents per day, European plan. Chester Avenue car on Walnut Street affords direct transportation to the Drexel Institute.

The Normandie, Thirty-sixth and Chestnut Streets, West Philadelphia, four squares from Drexel Institute; rates one dollar and upward, European plan; American plan, two dollars and fifty cents and upward.

Miss Schaeffer's house, 3224 Chestnut Street, West Philadelphia; rates one dollar and fifty cents per day or fifty cents per night.

Further particulars, if needed, may be obtained by writing Miss M. Margaret Whitaker, 1902 Green Street, Philadelphia, chairman Committee on Arrangements.

The meetings will be opened at one o'clock on Thursday, May 12 [*corrigenda*: March JOURNAL, page 465, lines 16 and 17, for Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday read Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, May 12, 13, and 14], when the presentation of credentials, the registration of delegates, and the payment of annual dues will be in order.

The reports of the Committee on Revision of the Constitution and of the Committee on Periodicals and the discussions will form the principal business of the convention, although there are one or two items of new business that the Executive Committee wishes to place before the delegates.

The presiding officer of each *alumnæ* having a membership in the National Association is in possession of a copy of the revised constitution and by-laws as proposed in 1902 and approved in part in 1903, a request for the names of delegates, directions for obtaining reduced transportation, a notice of the Berlin Congress and a request for names of possible delegates to that body, and a request for full list of *alumnæ* members.

These items, together with a statement of the business, papers, and discussions, the Executive Committee is desirous of having placed before the various *alumnæ* on the dates of the April meetings.

MARY E. THORNTON, Secretary.

REPORT ON HOSPITAL ECONOMICS COURSE

To Miss Banfield, Chairman.

The Class in Hospital Economics, Teachers College, respectfully submit the following report for February, 1904:

Among the many privileges extended to the class and enjoyed by them during the month have been those of meeting several of the successful superintendents in the nursing profession. Early in the month the class had the pleasure of attending an "At Home" given by Miss Goodrich, of the New York Hospital, where they enjoyed meeting a number of the New York graduates.

On the 18th Miss Palmer, Editress of THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING, gave an interesting talk on the mode of construction of a magazine of this character, and also related to us the story of its early development.

Later in the month the class had the pleasure of meeting Miss McIsaac, of the Illinois Training-School, Chicago, while on a brief visit to New York and incidentally to Teachers College. The graduates from her school were particularly pleased to have this opportunity of seeing her.

Miss Riddle, superintendent of nurses, South Department, Boston City Hospital, gave us a series of lectures on "Training-School Administration," which presented many facts in a new and interesting light.

Miss Goodrich also finished her series of lectures on "Hospital Construction."

Invitations were received to demonstrations given by members of the graduating classes of the Roosevelt and New York Hospitals. These demonstrations were all of a practical nature, showing the kind of work done in their respective institutions. Not only new methods, but many valuable suggestions, were noted by the class which we hope to be able to apply later.

Our weekly excursions have been postponed on account of the lectures, with the exception of one, to the Babies' Hospital.

In consequence of the necessary absence of Dr. Wood, lectures on "Embryology" have been given by Professor Bigelow.

Our line of work in the various subjects continues with interest.

March 8, 1904.

[The Regents of the University of the State of New York have approved the recommendations of the nurse Board of Examiners for the standard of education to be required for the registration of training-schools, and these requirements are embodied in the instructions to schools applying for registration as given below. We also include the application blank, which, with the instructions, makes a four-page folder, all of which is of special interest as marking an era in nursing education.—Ed.]

[AN EXACT COPY]

University of the State of New York

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James Russell Parsons jr *Director*
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APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OR ACCREDITING OF TRAINING SCHOOL FOR NURSES¹

This certifies that [*legal title*]

is	} ¹ a department of	[<i>City</i>]
is not		[<i>State</i>]
which was legally incorporated [<i>date</i>]		and is connected with
a hospital	} ¹ giving a course of at least two years in service under instruction	
a sanatorium		
in said institution as shown by the accompanying program or schedule of course,		
in effect	190 to	190

Application for registration with the Regents of the University of the State of New York as meeting the graduation standard fixed by statute for New York schools is hereby formally made and candidates for graduation from this school must (1) be at least 21 years of age; (2) be of good moral character; (3) have studied nursing at least two full years.

¹ Cancel any statements that do not apply to your school.

The latest announcement of requirements accompanies this application and additional information is given on the second page.

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and the seal
of this
day of

[Seal]

[Signature of executive officer and title]

Additional information

- 1 There are [number] students now in attendance, viz
first year, second year, third year.
- 2 There are beds in the hospital in which the nurses receive their training.
- 3 The Length of this period of training is years.
- 4 Nurses receive practical or theoretical training or both in

Branches	Practical	Theoretical
a Medical		
b Surgical (with operating)		
c Gynecological		
d Obstetrical. How many cases?		
e Children's diseases		
f Contagious		
g Cooking		
h Materia medica		
- 5 Nurses are trained exclusively in the hospital ?
- 6 Nurses are sent out to private duty, in $\left\{ \begin{smallmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{smallmatrix} \right\}$ years of their training, for weeks.

[Signature of the superintendent of the training school]

Requirements for registration in force Jan. 1, 1904-6

Incorporation. The training school for nurses or the institution of which it is a department must be incorporated.

Preliminary education. All training schools registered by the Regents of the University of the State of New York shall require of pupils applying for admission a certificate of graduation from a grammar school or its equivalent, preference being given to applicants who have had one year or more in a high school and to those who have taken a full course in domestic science in a recognized technical school.

Subjects of state examination. Training schools for nurses registered by the Regents shall provide both practical and theoretical instruction in the following branches of nursing: (1) medical nursing including materia medica, (2) surgical nursing, with operative technic including gynecological, (3) obstetrical nursing (each pupil to have had the care of not less than six cases), (4) nursing of sick children, (5) diet cooking for the sick including (a) 12 lessons in cooking in a good technical school, or with a competent diet teacher, (b) food values, and feeding in special cases, to be taught in classes not by lectures, (6) a

thorough course of theoretical instruction in contagious nursing where practical experience is impossible.

Training schools for male nurses shall provide instruction in genito-urinary branches, in place of gynecological and obstetrical nursing.

Professional education. The period of instruction in the training school shall be not less than two full years, during which time students shall not be utilized to care for patients outside of a hospital. Training schools giving a three year course and wishing to continue the practice of utilizing their pupils to earn money for the hospital may send them out to private cases or for district work among the poor for a period not exceeding three months in the third year of their course. But training schools with a two year course wishing to continue the practice must extend their course to meet the above requirement.

Provisional requirements. The branches of nursing in which both practical and theoretical instruction must be given by training schools applying for registration will remain in force till Jan. 1, 1906.

Suggested lines of development

Preliminary education. After Jan. 1, 1906, all registered training schools for nurses must require the completion of one year of a high school course subsequent to an eight year grammar school course, or the equivalent.

Professional education. The elaboration of the curriculum to be developed by January 1906 and the lines on which this development may be expected, are:

Preliminary training. Training schools should teach their probationers before placing them at the bedside of patients:

- a The various methods of making and changing the bed, with and without the patient;
- b The temperature of baths, and the simple methods of administering them;
- c The use and dangers of the hot water bag;
- d The principles of sweeping and dusting;
- e The setting of trays, etc.

This instruction can be given easily in the nurses' home by the superintendent of nurses or by a delegated nurse. Instruction in these simple principles can not be given uniformly in the rush and pressure of busy wards. It demands no additional service or expense on the part of the hospital and tends toward the preliminary training that is rapidly gaining favor in the schools of higher grade. It is not intended as a substitute for the bedside instruction, but as a preparation for it. The patient should not be required to wait for an ordered poultice till the head nurse can show the probationer how to make one. Many similar facts can be taught separately the final and all important part coming at the bedside when these bits of deftness are applied to the relief and not to the embarrassment of the patient. Preliminary training in the leading schools covers a period from one to six months, but the simple practical instruction here suggested is given in many schools that do not profess to have a regular preliminary course.

Small classes. In place of the elaborate system of lectures given gratuitously by members of the medical staff, training schools should adopt more advanced methods, affording instruction in the same subjects to smaller classes by competent teachers and clinical demonstrations by members of the medical staff. Many schools publish an elaborate lecture course, but being dependent on busy

medical men such instruction is frequently and unavoidably not given, to the great injustice to the pupil in training. Instruction in small classes in many schools unable to provide paid teachers is given by the younger medical men affiliated with the hospital, who teach such subjects as bacteriology, anatomy, physiology, materia medica and chemistry while the more important subjects of the care and management of acute cases are reserved for members of the regular staff.

The State Board of Nurse Examiners as organized for 1903-4 with the year when the appointment expires and the address of each examiner is given for convenience of reference.

1907 *Miss Sophia F. Palmer, President*, Rochester

1908 *Miss Jane E. Hitchcock, Secretary*, 265 Henry st. New York

1904 *L. Bissell Sanford*, 217 E. 27th st. New York

1905 *Miss Annie Damer*, 76 Huron st. Buffalo

1906 *Miss Dorothy N. MacDonald*, 90 Hewes st. Brooklyn

This application should be forwarded to the Director of the College and High School Department, University of the State of New York, Albany N. Y. If returned with red ink memoranda the information called for is essential to registration.

Blanks for use in applying for the certificate of registered nurse (R. N.) and the nurse registration law with notes will be forwarded on application.

[Comment on the above requirements is held for want of space until the next issue of the JOURNAL.—Ed.]

STATE MEETINGS

PENNSYLVANIA.—The Graduate Nurses' Association of the State of Pennsylvania will hold its third quarterly meeting April 20 and 21 at Wilkes-Barre, Pa. The convention will be held in the auditorium of the Hotel Sterling, corner of River and West Market Streets, Wilkes-Barre, the opening session taking place on Wednesday morning at ten o'clock. An opening prayer will be offered by the Rev. Dr. Jones, and G. W. Guthrie, M.D., will deliver an address of welcome to the visiting nurses.

A very interesting paper on "What Registration will Mean to the Public" will be written and read by Miss Constance V. Curtis, of Phoenixville Hospital, Pa.

Two others, the first on "Preliminary Education for Nurses" and the second on the "Power of the Press in Securing Legislation," will also be presented, but as yet writers have not been secured.

MRS. GEORGE O. LOEFFLER, Chairman Publication and Press Committee.

NEW YORK.—The annual meeting of the New York State Nurses' Association will be held in the Council Chamber of the State Capitol, Albany, N. Y., on April 19, 1904, at ten A.M. and two P.M.

JESSIE MCCALLUM, Secretary,
303 East Twentieth Street, New York.

VIRGINIA.—The Graduate Nurses' Association of Virginia will hold its fourth annual convention in Norfolk, Va., on May 24, 25, and 26. The State Examining Board will meet and conduct examinations for registration on May 27 and 28. Applicants must file their forms of application with the secretary of the board, Miss de Lancey, 131 York Street, Norfolk, Va., not later than May 14, 1904.

REGULAR MEETINGS

VIRGINIA.—The Graduate Nurses' Association of Norfolk and the St. Vincent's Alumnae have united for the purpose of entertaining the Virginia Association, which meets in Norfolk in May. Both Sister Helen, of St. Vincent's, and Miss Smith, of the Protestant Hospital, have kindly offered their hospitals for the meeting. As St. Vincent's has a more central location it was decided to accept Sister Helen's offer. Arrangements have been made for a luncheon to be given at the Hampton Roads Yacht Club. The club is situated on Hampton Roads, and commands a beautiful view of Old Point, Fortress Monroe, and the surrounding sea-shore. It is hoped that all present members of the association and many others who are to become members will be present, as this promises to be one of the most interesting of its sessions. Norfolk will endeavor to make this meeting socially most enjoyable, and she realizes that she will need to put forth every effort after the delightful two days spent with the Charlottesville nurses last May. The Nurses' Examining Board of Virginia is progressing slowly. One hundred and twenty-five application blanks have been received by the secretary, which is about one-third of the estimated number of nurses in the State. To this number of applicants one hundred and five certificates have been issued, some doubtful ones being kept until the meeting of the board in May. Miss McKinley, a graduate of St. Vincent's Hospital Training-School and the present superintendent of St. Christopher's Hospital of Norfolk, received the first certificate issued, her application being the first one presented to the board. During the session of the House we have been threatened with amendments. Political friends of nurses who care nothing for the good of all, not feeling sure of their standing in the profession, consider such schemes more effective than right-doing. But by the tact and diplomacy of the president, Miss Cabaniss, the association has so far steered clear of its political friends and the law stands intact.

NORTH ADAMS, MASS.—There was a pleasant affair at the Wellington Hotel, where the North Adams Hospital Alumnae Association tendered a banquet to the graduating class of 1904, Miss Stanley, the superintendent, the seniors, and the physicians of the medical and surgical staff of the hospital. There were fifty people in the company, and they went to the table in the main dining-room at nine o'clock. Briggs' orchestra played while the dinner was in progress. Miss A. E. Donica, president of the association, introduced Dr. F. D. Stafford as toastmaster, and the dinner was followed by some speaking in keeping with an event of the kind. Among those who responded to calls for remarks were Drs. J. R. Hobbie, G. A. Fagan, H. J. Millard, M. M. Brown, G. F. Simpson, T. J. Putnam, C. W. Wright, and G. L. Rice, all of whom had pleasant and appropriate things to say. The speakers complimented the members of the association on the work they are doing and commended them for the faithfulness and self-sacrifice they carry into their work. All were heard with attention and interest, and some of the remarks brought out hearty rounds of applause. Dr. W. F. McGrath contributed a song to the programme, which lent variety and was heard with pleasure. It was after twelve o'clock when the company left the table, and afterwards there was a little dancing in the parlors, music being furnished by Dr. G. A. Fagan at the piano. It was the first banquet given by the association, but it may be made an annual affair. It was a well-managed social event and was

thoroughly enjoyed by the members and their guests. The Committee of Arrangements was composed of Mrs. Amy D. Plouffe, Miss Gertrude Snyder, and Miss Inez Decker. The following senior members of each class constituted the Reception Committee: Mrs. Adele E. Donica, Miss J. A. Gerry, Mrs. Florence McDougall, Miss Elizabeth Bowen, Miss Margaret Cogan, Miss Margaret Buckley, Miss Frazer, and Miss Robertson.

BALTIMORE.—The quarterly meeting of the Nurses' Alumnae of the University of Maryland was held in the nurses' lecture-room at the hospital on March 7. In spite of bad weather the attendance was good. From the four names submitted by the Executive Committee Miss Grace L. Dunderdale was elected to represent the alumnae as delegate to the Associated Alumnae meeting in Philadelphia. Discussion as to the feasibility of getting up a course of lectures under the auspices of the alumnae, the members to invite their friends among the nurses of other schools, the hospital staff, and the pupil nurses, was put to motion and unanimously carried. It was decided to have the lectures in the nurses' lecture-room at the hospital, the superintendent of nurses, Mrs. Katherine Taylor, having kindly offered the room for that purpose. The matter was left entirely in the hands of the Executive Committee to decide as to the frequency, date, and topics to be discussed. The members, however, expressed their desire not to have lectures confined to nursing or medical subjects. The questions to be brought up at the Associated Alumnae meeting were discussed. The bill for State registration, at present in the hands of the Senate, which it is hoped will be passed in the near future, was discussed with interest by the members especially interested in the subject of affiliation between the States as a means of establishing reciprocity. It was the feeling of the meeting that the same should be accomplished in some way through the Associated Alumnae, and also that *THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING* should be owned by the Associated Alumnae. Much business of importance was transacted, after which the meeting adjourned.

NEW YORK.—The regular meeting of the Nurses' Alumnae of the New York City Hospital was held in the Academy of Medicine on March 8. After routine business a vote was taken as to whether there should be a dinner or reception this year. A majority voted for the reception. Miss J. Amanda Silver, Miss Irene B. Yocom, and Miss Ella V. Burr were elected delegates to the convention of the Associated Alumnae. A very interesting address was made by the Hon. Homer Folks, in which he outlined the progress made in the New York City Training-School during the two years of his administration as Commissioner of Charities. He recalled the one overcrowded building occupied by the nurses, how first one wing and then another had been built, until the present time, when the school is in possession of the three cheery, comfortable buildings containing the most perfectly arranged laboratories for demonstrations in pathology and chemistry, facilities for the teaching of scientific cooking, etc., the three-year course affording the nurses more opportunity for pursuing those studies, three months being devoted to instruction and class-room work before the pupil enters the ward. At the close of Mr. Folks's address the guests and members adjourned to the tea-room, where the refreshments were presided over by Miss Emily Gilmore and Miss E. Farrell.

NEW YORK.—The Association of Graduate Nurses in Manhattan and Bronx held its regular meeting on Monday, March 14, at the League for Political Education. The attendance was smaller than usual, due, presumably, to inclement weather. Eleven new members were admitted into the association. The proposed changes in the by-laws of the New York State Nurses' Association were discussed and generally approved. In February the question of joining the County Nurses' Society was brought before the meeting. But while all present were in favor of applying for membership in the county society, it was finally decided not to apply until after the next meeting of the State Nurses' Association, to be held in Albany in April, as such application necessitated immediate resignation from the State association. A letter stating this decision was sent to the county society. The membership is now eighty-nine, and there is this month an increase in the number of applications. The annual meeting will be held on Monday, April 14, at four-thirty p.m., at the usual place. In addition to the election of officers for the coming year, it will be necessary at this meeting to appoint delegates to the New York State Nurses' Association. All members are earnestly requested to be present.

PHILADELPHIA.—The regular meeting of the Alumnae of the University of Pennsylvania Hospital was held on Monday, March 7, 1904, at three p.m. in the Nurses' Home. The meeting was called to order by the president, Miss Rudden, and the usual routine business was transacted. The treasurer reported in the Endowed Room Fund two thousand one hundred and sixty-five dollars and thirty-two cents. The five-dollar annual subscriptions to this fund come in slowly. The bulletin board for the use of alumnae members is in position in the office of the University Hospital. Any member whose name is not yet on the board can have it placed there by communicating with Miss Caroline Dunn, 23 South Nineteenth Street, Philadelphia, and enclosing one dollar for this purpose. The following names were presented for membership: Miss Rebecca B. Abbott, Miss Elizabeth Broughton, Miss Helen E. Clark, Miss Mabel Jacques, Miss Margaret Lindberg, and Miss Lottie Nagle. The coming convention of the Associated Alumnae in this city in May next was discussed, as was also the State association. Roll-call showed fifteen members present.

PHILADELPHIA.—The regular quarterly meeting of the Philadelphia Polyclinic Alumnae Association was held at Kay House, Thursday, March 3, at three p.m. The meeting was called to order by Miss O'Hara, president. Ten members were present. The regular business of the meeting was transacted and the various committees for the ensuing year were appointed. Miss Wildman, delegate to the Graduate Nurses' State Association at Harrisburg, read an interesting report of the meeting, which was followed by considerable discussion. The alumnae proposed giving a reception to the members of the Associated Alumnae attending the convention which is to be held in Philadelphia in May. Miss Bessie Robison was admitted to membership in the association, and an application for membership was received from Miss Jennie Hoffman. The business meeting was followed, as usual, by a social meeting, which was much enjoyed by the members.

NEW YORK.—The "Linen Shower" held at the New York Hospital Nurses' Club on Thursday, March 10, was for the purpose of increasing the supply of linen to meet the needs of the new club-house, 8 and 10 West Ninety-second Street, to

which the club will move May 1. The balmy, bright weather was most favorable for a "heavy shower," and it fairly rained towels large and beautiful, numerous tablecloths and napkins, doilies, centre-pieces, tray-cloths, sheets, and pillow-cases, with more to follow. The Receiving Committee were Miss Josephine Hill, superintendent; Misses Nash, Lynch, and Frazier, resident members; Miss Frederick, president, and Miss Golding, first vice-president of the Alumnae Association. The parlors were decorated with cut flowers and plants, and looked most home-like and inviting. The guests were most cordially received, and delightful refreshments were served by the committee.

PHILADELPHIA.—The Nurses' Alumnae of the Hospital of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Philadelphia held a meeting in the Parish-House, Twelfth and Walnut Streets, on March 1 at three p.m., Miss Annie S. Haines, president pro tem., in the chair. Two new members were admitted, Miss P. Dotterer and Miss C. Thatcher, and two names were submitted for membership. The secretary was instructed to send letters of condolence on behalf of the alumnae to Dr. Mary E. Esser, on the death of her father, and Miss Joan Darby, on the death of her mother. Miss R. Jackson and Mrs. L. K. Free were appointed delegates, with Miss Annie S. Haines and Miss Maria P. Allen as alternates, to attend the convention of Nurses' Associated Alumnae of the United States. The next meeting of the alumnae will be held in the Nurses' Home on April 5, 1904.

BOSTON.—A special meeting of Camp Roger Wolcott, of Massachusetts, Spanish-American War Nurses, was held at three p.m. on Thursday, March 3, at the Boston Nurses' Club, 755 Boylston Street, Lieutenant Sara R. Langstrom presiding. The meeting was intended as a farewell to Captain Mary E. Gladwin, who goes with Anita Newcomb McGee, M.D., as a member of the first party of ex-army nurses for service in Japan. The members were, however, disappointed, as Captain Gladwin had already gone to join the party in Philadelphia. It was therefore voted to send a telegram to Dr. McGee's Philadelphia address, extending greetings and best wishes for success and safe return. Later the camp had the pleasure of entertaining the Executive Committee of the Massachusetts State Nurses' Association.

NEW YORK.—A regular meeting of the Mt. Sinai Nurses' Alumnae took place on March 3, 1904, at 149 East Sixty-seventh Street, being the last meeting in the old training-school prior to its removal with Mt. Sinai Hospital to the buildings at Fifth and Madison Avenues and One-Hundredth to One-Hundred and First Streets. The meeting was well attended, and besides the usual routine business much interest was shown in the discussion of the subject of "What can be accomplished by nurses in an educational, social, or charitable way?" one of the questions brought forward in a letter from the Associated Alumnae organization. An outline of a charity work which it is our hope in the future to properly fill in promises a worthy goal which we will strive to reach.

TROY, N. Y.—The third class of the Samaritan Hospital Training-School of Troy, N. Y., received their diplomas on Tuesday evening, February 2, 1904. The graduation exercises were held in the assembly-room of the Nurses' Home. The address was given by Dr. Didama, of Syracuse. The Alumnae Association held its second annual meeting on Monday evening, February 1. After the business meeting the nurses enjoyed a social hour with music and dancing, followed by a

banquet. Of the twenty-nine nurses who have thus far been graduated from the Samaritan Hospital two have married and the rest are doing excellent work—some holding responsible hospital positions and the others in private practice in Troy, Glens Falls, and neighboring towns.

BROOKLYN.—The annual meeting of the Graduate Nurses' Association, County of Kings, was held at the Cumberland Street Hospital on Thursday, March 3. After routine business and yearly reports of the secretary and treasurer were read the chairman of the Nominating Committee announced the following officers for the coming year: President, Miss B. S. Monteith; first vice-president, Miss I. M. Burrows; second vice-president, Miss M. O'Neill; third vice-president, Miss M. A. Shaw; corresponding secretary, Miss K. J. Fanning; recording secretary, Miss M. J. Parry; treasurer, Miss D. M. McDonald. Standing committees were elected for the year and the meeting adjourned.

NEW YORK.—The regular meeting of the alumnae of the New York Hospital Training-School was held in the lecture-room on Wednesday, March 9. Owing to the great demand for nurses, the attendance was not so large as usual. Twenty of the recently graduated nurses were admitted to membership. Misses Irene Sutcliffe, Hatton, Goodrich, Golding, and Covert were elected to nominate candidates for the various offices to be voted for at the annual meeting in April. Mrs. La Fetra, Misses Irene Sutcliffe, and Virginia Hunter were appointed a Committee on Resolutions. Miss Sanford, of the Consumers' League, gave a very interesting talk.

BOSTON.—The regular monthly meeting of the Alumnae Association of the Boston and Massachusetts General Hospital Training-Schools for Nurses was held in the Thayer Library on Tuesday, February 23. Twenty-five members were present and two new members elected. After a short business meeting there was an informal discussion of State registration of nurses. The members were fortunate in having present Miss Mary L. Keith, superintendent of Rochester City Hospital, who spoke on the registration of nurses in New York, giving many interesting and helpful points. After an adjournment refreshments were served.

PHILADELPHIA.—The regular meeting of the Alumnae Association of the Woman's Hospital was held at 1227 Arch Street on March 9, 1904. Several letters were read from nurses requesting admission to the alumnae, and names which had been proposed for membership were accepted. There was a large attendance of members and visitors, and after the business meeting adjourned a pleasant social hour was spent with Miss Hannum, who kindly entertained the members. Before separating Miss Blehl favored them with selections of vocal and instrumental music which were very enjoyable.

MINNEAPOLIS.—The Graduate Nurses' Association will, on August 1, 1904, receive from the Medical Society the absolute control of the Nurses' Bureau, hitherto conducted by the Medical Society. Hitherto non-graduates have been registered on a par with graduates. Through the untiring efforts of a few members of the Graduate Nurses' Association this has been changed and the government of the bureau assured them. The association is growing rapidly, and is looking forward to the near future, when they may unite with other graduates and work for State registration.

NEW YORK.—The regular monthly meeting of the Bellevue Alumnae Association was held at the Training-School on February 18 at three P.M. All the newly elected officers for 1904 were present—Miss Mary Markham, president; Miss Jane Delano, first vice-president; Miss Cora Warren, second vice and assistant secretary; Miss Emma L. Snyder, secretary, and Mrs. Mary Bohling, treasurer. The meeting was well attended, and the usual routine business transacted. Many new applicants for membership were announced. Refreshments were served at the end of the business meeting.

READING, PA.—The Alumnae Association of the Reading Homeopathic Training-School for Nurses held a special meeting on Monday, February 15, 1904, at two P.M. at the Homeopathic Hospital, the president, Miss Kaufman, in the chair. Five members were present, and the usual routine business was transacted, after which special business was disposed of. The meeting then adjourned. The next regular meeting will be held June 8, at two P.M., at the Homeopathic Hospital, 135 North Sixth Street.

NEW YORK.—At the annual meeting of the Alumnae Association of Lebanon Hospital, held on Tuesday afternoon, February 10, 1904, at the hospital, fourteen members were present, and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Miss Marguerite Clancy; first vice-president, Miss Josephine McCaffery; second vice-president, Miss Rosamond Philo; recording secretary, Miss Rose Healy; corresponding secretary, Miss Mary Dalton; treasurer, Miss Estelle Nesbit.

PHILADELPHIA.—The Philadelphia County Nurses' Association held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, March 9, 1904, at three P.M., in the College of Physicians, Thirteenth and Locust Streets, Philadelphia. The meeting was called to order by the president, Miss Mollie Malloy, and the usual routine of business was enacted. The subjects put forward were discussed informally among the eighteen members present, and the meeting was thoroughly enjoyable.

PHILADELPHIA.—The nurses of the Pennsylvania Hospital have decided to have a literary evening each week. At this meeting current events are discussed and the nurses are asked to bring anything they have read during the week which they think might be interesting, and then a short time is devoted to the discussion of some subject which has been previously announced. The meetings so far have been very much enjoyed.

TORONTO.—The usual monthly meeting of the Alumnae Association of the Toronto General Hospital School for Nurses met at the hospital on February 9. After the usual items of business were disposed of Miss E. Gordon read a very helpful and instructive paper on "Pneumonia." After the meeting adjourned the association was entertained at afternoon tea by Miss Snively, and a very pleasant hour was spent socially.

BROOKLYN, N. Y.—The regular monthly meeting of the Brooklyn Hospital Training-School Alumnae was held on March 1. Twenty members were present. The advisability of having a registry at the hospital was discussed, but not voted upon. A committee was formed, Miss Van Ingen, chairman, to revise the old constitution and by-laws. A social few minutes were enjoyed by all, coffee and cake being served.

DANBURY, CONN.—At a special meeting of the Graduate Nurses's Association of Danbury, Conn., held February 11, Miss Emma Corbin and Miss Margaret Gallagher were elected as delegates to the State meeting held in New Haven on February 17. Miss Gallagher's report of the meeting was excellent, and Miss Corbin was elected to serve on the By-Laws Committee of the State Society.

NEW YORK.—The regular meeting of the Alumnae of Lebanon Hospital Training-School was held at the hospital on March 8 at three p.m. Seven members were present and a resolution was carried that a special meeting be called on March 22 for the purpose of appointing a delegate to be sent to the Associated Alumnae conference to be held in Philadelphia in May.

PHILADELPHIA.—The regular monthly meeting of the Nurses' Alumnae Association of the Presbyterian Hospital in Philadelphia was held in the lecture-room of the hospital on Tuesday, March 8, at three p.m. There were twenty members present. Two delegates, Miss Milne and Miss Wardell, were elected to attend the Associated Alumnae in May.

INDIANAPOLIS.—An Alumnae Association of the Indianapolis City Hospital Training-School for Nurses was organized on March 1 with thirty charter members. The regular meetings will be held the first Tuesday of each alternate month in the Training-School parlors of the City Hospital.

TORONTO.—The Ontario nurses expect to organize a Provincial Society, and a mass-meeting is called in Toronto for April 2. Miss Annie Damer, of Buffalo, N. Y., has been asked to be the guest of the occasion.

PHILADELPHIA.—On Monday evening, March 13, the Guild of St. Barnabas gave its annual banquet to the members of the graduating class.

MARRIAGES

IN February, in Baltimore, Md., Miss Leonora Clarke to Mr. Lawrence Tierney, both of West Virginia. Miss Clarke is a graduate of the Johns Hopkins Training-School, Class of 1901, and since graduation has been employed in the hospital as night superintendent and as head nurse in the gynæcological operating-room.

ON January 20, 1904, in Staunton, Va., Miss Lena Gilliland, Class of 1900, University of Maryland Hospital, and until recently in charge of the Twin City Hospital, Winston-Salem, N. C., to Mr. George Jones, of Winston-Salem. Mr. and Mrs. Jones will make their home in Winston-Salem.

ON February 18, 1904, at the residence of her mother, Mrs. Joseph S. Carley, 34 Goylan Street, Windsor, Ontario, Can., Mary Elizabeth, graduate of Harper Hospital Training-School, Detroit, Class of 1897, to Mr. Sanford Warren Buck, of Gaylord, Mich.

AT Park Hill, Ont., February 10, 1904, Miss Eleanor M. Doyle, graduate of St. Mary's Hospital Training-School, Detroit, Mich., Class of 1899, to Mr. Donald McDonald, of Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. McDonald will reside in Chicago.

ON December 21, 1903, in Atlanta, Ga., Miss Margarita Blight, of the Class of 1900, Maryland University Hospital, to Mr. Napoleon Bonaparte Lesueur, of Alabama. Mr. and Mrs. Lesueur are living in Uniontown, Ala.

IN Chicago, Ill., on January 28, Miss Nina L. Smead, graduate of the Brooklyn Hospital Training-School, Class of 1891, to Mr. William O. Colton. Mr. and Mrs. Colton will reside in Colton, S. D.

OBITUARY

ENTERED into rest, Mrs. Caroline A. Preble, *née* Hondlette, Class of 1881, Massachusetts General Hospital Training-School.

"WHEREAS, Our associate, Mrs. Caroline A. Hondlette Preble, whose life was characterized by efficiency, strength, and sweetness of character, has been removed from our midst by death. Therefore, be it

"Resolved, That we, the members of the Alumnae Association of the Boston and Massachusetts General Hospital Training-School for Nurses, learn of her death with sincere sorrow, and that this association, the nursing profession, and the community in which she lived have sustained a loss. Be it further

"Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, to THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING, and that they be made a part of the records of the association.

"ELIZABETH R. SCOVIL,

"ELIZABETH MUMFORD,

"FLORENCE F. RICE,

"BOSTON, MASS., March 14, 1904."

"Committee."

AT the regular meeting of the Massachusetts General Hospital Alumnae Association held on February 23, 1904, when it was heard with deep regret of the death of Mrs. C. E. Simpson, who graduated in the Class of 1896 as Miss C. E. Etherington, the following resolutions were adopted:

"WHEREAS, We have lost from among our number Mrs. C. E. Simpson. We the members of this association, desire to express our appreciation of her sterling qualities and lovable disposition, and our sorrow for her death.

"Resolved, That we extend our sincere sympathy to her husband and family in their great loss.

"Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to her family, a copy recorded in the minutes of this association, and a copy sent to THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING for publication.

"LILIAN H. MORRIS,

"ISABEL M. DOUGLAS,

"Committee."

ON January 31, 1903, Wesley Hospital, Chicago, Ill., lost by death one of its most efficient and faithful nurses, Miss Ellen C. Hanson. She was taken ill suddenly while on duty in the children's ward, and within forty-eight hours the beautiful, devoted life was ended.

Miss Hanson had nearly completed her course of training, during which time in the hospital she had shown a marked ability for her work. Her personal life was exemplary. She was devoted to the Christian faith, and died as she had lived, sustained by its gracious power. Early on Sunday morning, surrounded by her associate nurses and her mother, and soothed by the singing of the hymns she loved, her spirit went to the God in whom she trusted. Rational to the end, she inquired frequently about the little patients in her ward, and left many tender messages of farewell for friends and relatives.

IN New York City, February 14, 1904, Katharine Johnston, aged fifty-one years, graduate of the New York Hospital, Class of 1881. Since her graduation, twenty-three years ago, she had been engaged in active work, and died at the post of duty. After some years of private and district nursing she was superintendent of the Westchester Free Hospital one year, and superintendent of the Training-School of St. Mark's Hospital, Salt Lake City, one and a half years, when she resigned to become superintendent of Christ Hospital, Jersey City, where she remained for five and a half years. At the time of her death she was engaged in private nursing, leaving her patient only a few days before she entered into rest. Hers was indeed a beautiful life of loving service. "Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy."

THE following resolutions upon the death of Miss Annie T. Doyle, of the Class of 1903, were adopted at the annual meeting of the Alumnae Association of Lebanon Hospital, held February 10, 1904:

"WHEREAS, It has pleased our Heavenly Father to remove from our midst an esteemed member of our association.

"*Resolved*, That in her death the association has lost a highly esteemed member and the nursing profession a faithful worker.

"*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be extended with our deepest sympathy to her sister, and that a copy be sent to THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING, and a record of same be made upon the minutes of the association."

AT the Municipal Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa., of smallpox, Miss L. Blanche Smith, aged twenty-five years.

Miss Smith was a pupil of the Training-School, and had less than two months to serve before graduating. Her body could not be taken to her home in Northumberland for interment, but was buried at the cemetery in Philadelphia at Sixty-ninth Street and Woodland Avenue.

It is with sincere regret that the announcement is made of the death of Miss Charlotte B. Judd, who died suddenly in New York City on January 12, 1904.

Miss Judd was a graduate of the Connecticut Training-School for Nurses of New Haven, a faithful friend, and conscientious nurse, who will live in loving memory in the hearts of those who knew her.

ON January 14, 1904, Florence Howard Linton, wife of Mr. A. Brock Carey, at the Burke Sanatorium, Burke County, Cal., of heart disease, after an illness of four weeks. She was graduated from the New York Hospital Training-School in 1896, and was married to Mr. Carey November 26, 1902.

AFTER a brief illness, at the Michael Reese Hospital, Chicago, Ill., February 17, Jessie P. Laird, assistant superintendent of the Michael Reese Training-School.